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**Environmental Quality
HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION**

History. This Regulation replaces USAIC Regulation 210-2, Hunting and Fishing Regulation, and is renumbered from the 210 series to the 200 series in order to comply with Department of the Army new policy regarding environmental matters. USAIC Regulation 210-2 was first published in December 1975 and was revised 14 times after the initial publication date.

Summary. This regulation outlines policies and procedures governing hunting and fishing on the United States Army Infantry Center (USAIC), Fort Benning, Georgia. Additional changes include clarification of several items, recommendations from the Commanding General's Natural Resources Advisory Council, and changes in organizational structure such as Directorate of Public Works to Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics and Natural Resources Management Branch to Conservation Branch and Land Management Branch.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals that are permitted to hunt and fish on the installation.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Commander, USAIC, ATTN: ATZB-ELN-C, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics (DFEL). Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to the Commander, United States Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-ELN-C, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122

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**Chapter 1
Introduction**

1-1. Purpose.

This regulation sets forth policies and procedures that govern hunting and fishing on the Fort Benning Military Installation.

1-2. References.

a. Required publication.

USAIC Circular 200-3, Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits (*revised annually*)

b. Related publications.

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

AR 420-40, Historic Preservation

AR 200-3, Natural Resources - Land, Forest, & Wildlife Management

USAIC Regulation 190-5, Vehicle Traffic Regulation

USAIC Regulation 210-4, Range and Terrain Regulation

c. Prescribed forms.

FB (DFEL) Form 200-3-1, Fort Benning Deer Permit

FB (DFEL) Form 200-3-2, Fort Benning Turkey Permit

d. Referenced forms.

DD Form 1805, U.S. District Court Violation Notice

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms. Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. General.

It is the policy of Fort Benning to maximize the opportunity for hunting and fishing on the installation consistent with mission requirements, sound environmental and natural resources management practices, and the Cooperative Agreement between Fort Benning, the States of Alabama and Georgia and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service "Cooperative Agreement." It is understood and accepted that Fort Benning's primary mission is to train soldiers. Outdoors recreation and the harvest of fish and wildlife resources will be permitted only if consistent with the military mission and no safety hazard is created.

Chapter 2 Responsibilities

2-1. Director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics (DFEL).

The DFEL will:

- a. Manage fish and wildlife resources consistent with governing laws, regulations and the Cooperative Agreement.
- b. Maintain a map case at Building 5883, Harmony Church. Post hunting/fishing information sheets at that location prior to 1000 daily for up to 3 days in the future.

2-2. Director of Operations and Training (DOT). The DOT will:

- a. Prepare and distribute the installation daily hunting/fishing information sheets prior to 0900 indicating the areas open for a one day period three working days in the future.
- b. Maximize opportunities for hunting and fishing consistent with training and safety requirements.

2-3. Director of Community Activities (DCA). The DCA will:

- a. Operate the Permit Issuing Agency.
- b. Ensure that only those individuals entitled to hunt and fish on the installation are issued permits.
- c. Maintain map cases at the Outdoor Recreation Office and Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina. Post hunting/fishing information sheets at those locations prior to 1000 daily for up to 3 days in the future.
- d. Ensure that updated hunting/fishing maps are available upon request.

2-4. Commander, Military Police Activity (MPA).

The Commander will:

- a. Enforce the provisions of this regulation and USAIC Circular 200-3.
- b. Report violations of this regulation to the Permit Issuing Agency and the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) Military Hearing Officer.
- c. Maintain records of sportsmen involved in hunting and fishing violations.
- d. Map cases will be maintained at MPA and Malone 21. Post hunting/fishing information sheets at those locations prior to 1000 daily for up to 3 days in the future.

2-5. Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).

To the extent that resources permit, the SJA will provide a Hearing Officer to conduct administrative appeals of suspensions/revocations of hunting and fishing privileges.

2-6. Commander, 3D Brigade, 3D Infantry Division.

The Commander will maintain a map case at the Kelly Hill Recreation Center, Building 9079. Hunting/fishing information sheets will be posted prior to 1000 daily for up to 3 days in the future.

2-7. Sportsmen. Sportsmen will:

- a. Become familiar with and follow all rules and regulations concerning hunting and fishing on the installation.
- b. Report hunting and fishing violations to the MPA, 545-5222.

Chapter 3 Restrictions

3-1. General.

- a. Hunting is prohibited in the Fort Benning cantonment area shown on the Fort Benning Hunting/Fishing Overlay Map, 1:50,000 scale. This map is used to control hunting and fishing activities and is updated periodically. All sportsmen are required to familiarize themselves with the current map and the reservation prior to hunting or fishing on the reservation. No roadblocks, cables or gates will be bypassed by vehicle for any reason, although gates may be bypassed on foot if the gated or otherwise blocked compartment is open for hunting.
- b. It is unlawful to discharge firearms within 200 feet of maintained roads, buildings, or posted troop training areas. Firing a weapon in the direction of and within 200 yards of a maintained road, building, ammunition storage area, active airfield, or posted no hunting area is prohibited.

c. Hunting and fishing are prohibited in posted dud areas and in those ranges and facilities posted "restricted" or "exclusion area" for safety reasons.

d. All vehicles are subject to search by game wardens, MPs, and other authorized personnel upon entering, occupying, or exiting hunting areas, fishing areas and training areas.

e. Littering or dumping on Fort Benning is strictly prohibited.

3-2. Personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning.

a. Only those personnel falling within the following categories will be authorized to hunt and fish on the Fort Benning Military Installation:

- (1) United States Armed Forces active duty personnel.
 - (2) United States Armed Forces retired personnel.
 - (3) Disabled American Veterans having a service connected disability of not less than 30 percent and Medal of Honor recipients.
 - (4) Department of Defense Civilian Employees (appropriated and nonappropriated fund) working full-time or equivalent status on this installation.
 - (5) Federal Civilian Employees working full-time or equivalent status on this installation to include but not limited to U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Customs Service, and U.S. Army Engineer District, Savannah.
 - (6) Retired Civilian Employees (same as paragraphs 3-2.a. (4)-(5) above) who were employed at this installation immediately prior to retirement.
 - (7) Active National Guardsmen and Reservists residing in the six county surrounding area (Russell and Lee in Alabama, and Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Harris, and Marion in Georgia), who are in a paid drill strength status.
 - (8) Surviving spouses of military personnel who have not remarried and possess a valid dependent ID card.
 - (9) Primary dependents of sponsors listed in paragraphs 3-2.a. (1)-(8) above. A primary dependent is defined as:
 - (a) lawful spouse
 - (b) adopted child who is under 20 years of age
 - (c) unmarried child who is less than 21 years old or less than 23 years old if enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receives over half his/her support from the sponsor.
 - (10) Guests:
 - (a) Guests of the Commanding General.
 - (b) All personnel identified by paragraphs 3-2.a. (1)-(8) above are authorized a maximum of two guests per day.
- b. In order to prove your eligibility to hunt and fish on the Fort Benning Military Installation, you must provide the following documentation upon demand:
- (1) Active duty and retired United States Armed Forces personnel - Military ID Card.
 - (2) Disabled Veterans - Medical ID Card or DA Certificate of Disability indicating a service-connected disability of not less than 30 percent.
 - (3) Medal of Honor Recipients - Copy of orders awarding medal.
 - (4) Department of Defense Civilian employees (appropriated and nonappropriated fund) - Department of Defense Civilian ID Card or current Leave and Earnings Statement and photo identification.
 - (5) Federal Civilian Employees (other than Department of Defense Civilian Employees) employed full-time on Fort Benning - Photo identification, current Leave and Earnings Statement and affidavit from supervisor stating that the individual is employed full-time on Fort Benning and will remain in that status for the duration of season involved.
 - (6) Retired Federal Employees - Last Standard Form 50 indicating retired status or Retirement Certificate issued by Fort Benning.
 - (7) Active National Guard or Reserve Personnel - Current Leave and Earnings Statement which shows your active status and Military ID Card.
 - (8) Dependents - Spouses and family members, 18 years old and older with valid Dependent ID Card may obtain permits and licenses. Dependents 16 and 17 years of age must have a valid dependent ID Card and a permission statement from the sponsor to obtain permits and licenses.
 - (9) Before obtaining a permit, all personnel must show a valid hunting and fishing license, proof of Fort Benning vehicle regis-

tration, appropriate hunter safety card, and firearm registration if residing on post.

(10) Guests. To obtain a guest permit, the sponsor must be able to show that the guest has the appropriate state license (copy) and the appropriate state hunter safety card or Fort Benning Hunter Safety Course card.

c. Requests for exceptions to this policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed in writing, to the Commander, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-ELN-C, (Chief, Conservation Branch) Fort Benning, GA 31905-5000.

3-3. Use of privately owned vehicles when hunting or fishing.

a. All privately owned vehicles used for hunting and fishing on the Fort Benning Military Reservation shall have a properly affixed DoD Registration Decal or Temporary Vehicle Permit. Decals and permits can be obtained, as appropriate, at the Vehicle/Weapons Registration office, building 2637 (Monday through Friday, 0800 - 1700), in accordance with AR 190-5 and USAIC Regulation 190-5. If an individual is going to be using a vehicle, which does not have a DoD registration decal, a Temporary Permit must be obtained from the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707 or Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina. This permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle while on the installation.

b. Off-road vehicles (ORV) of any type (two, three or four-wheel) are prohibited while hunting or fishing on Fort Benning. Requests for exception to this policy must be submitted along with documentation of a medical disability to the Chief, Conservation Branch as stated in paragraph 3-2.c. above.

3-4. Hunting areas and legal hunting hours.

a. Hunting areas: See appendix A.

b. Legal hours: Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Exceptions:

(1) Legal hours for migratory bird hunting (i.e., duck and dove) will be determined by the appropriate federal regulations.

(2) Raccoons, opossums, fox, bobcats, and coyotes may be hunted at night. See USAIC Circular 200-3.

3-5. Legal firearms and ammunition.

a. Wildlife may be hunted on the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with any weapon that is approved for that purpose by the respective Georgia or Alabama Fish and Game Authorities. However, there are exceptions listed below in paragraph 3-5.b. The use of backshot is prohibited on the Fort Benning Reservation.

b. Fort Benning has been divided into different areas, each of which may be open for hunting. In some of these areas, you are limited to using only certain weapons. It is your responsibility to know these areas and to use the appropriate weapon. These areas are as follows:

(1) Bow hunting. Long, recurve and compound bows may be used in any area open for hunting, to include areas where rifles and shotguns may be used. There are certain areas designated on the Hunting and Fishing maps for bow only or bow/waterfowl only. These include A3, CC3, CC4, EE1, EE2, N1, W4, and locations near Custer Road, Sand Hill, along the Chattahoochee River near Lawson Army Airfield and off of Sightseeing Road. Check map for details. The use of crossbows for hunting is prohibited. It is illegal to carry a firearm while bowhunting even during the firearms season.

(2) The following compartments are designated as shotgun compartments: A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A19, C1, C2, C3, P1, P2, P3, Q2, Q3, Q5, Q6, R1, R2, S1, S2, S3, U1, U2, U4, Y1, AA, BB1, BB2, BB3, BB4, BB5 and BB6. Only slugs can be used in shotguns to hunt deer. Bows and handguns of caliber .357, .41, and .44 magnum, .480 Ruger and .454 Casull are also legal. Rifles, muzzleloaders, and other handguns are prohibited.

(3) Compartments not listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above are designated as rifle areas/compartments. Muzzleloaders, shotguns, and bows may be used in these areas. Any handgun capable of exceeding 500 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards may be used to deer hunt.

3-6. Training and hunting with dogs.

a. Dogs will not be used for hunting deer anywhere on the installation.

b. Individuals authorized hunting privileges on Fort Benning may train or condition dogs on Fryar Field, year-round, provided that the

area is not being used for military training. Individuals working with dogs must stay within that area of Fryar Field bounded by roads. Other areas of the installation may be used for this purpose provided the compartment is listed on the daily hunting/fishing information sheets as open. Only blank ammunition may be used to train dogs.

3-7. Trapping.

Trapping on the Fort Benning Military Reservation is prohibited. Game wardens and installation wildlife management personnel may trap for predator control and medical purposes only. Game wardens may trap dogs and other domestic animals, as required.

3-8. Endangered and threatened species.

a. In accordance with AR 200-3, it is unlawful for any person(s) subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. to harass, harm, or capture any endangered species within the U.S.

b. Fort Benning is home to many unique species, including the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW), an endangered species; and, the Gopher Tortoise. As a result, sportsmen must be sensitive to environmental concerns and ensure that their actions are consistent with good wildlife management practices.

(1) Sportsmen should exercise good judgment and report violations of this or any other regulation or law to the MPA, 545-5222.

(2) Sportsmen may hunt within an RCW cluster site. Portable stands may be used on any tree not marked with a single or double white band. Clusters are marked by white signs designating the area as an Endangered Species Site.

(3) Vehicles, of any type, are prohibited from entering or driving through an RCW cluster site on other than established and maintained roads or trails. Care should also be exercised to keep a watchful eye for gopher tortoises crossing the road.

3-9. Cultural resources. In accordance with AR 420-40, it is unlawful to disturb archeological sites on Fort Benning. Anyone observing artifact collecting or site looting should contact MPA or the Environmental Management Division, DFEL, and report vehicle tag numbers and descriptions.

Chapter 4 Regulations

4-1. Hunting regulations.

a. General: All Georgia and Alabama State hunting regulations will be followed. Several of the more important rules are listed as a reminder:

(1) In Georgia, the outer garment and headgear must be worn from opening day of muzzleloader season until end of feral swine season and in Alabama, from opening day of gun deer season until end of gun deer season. Hunters must wear an outer garment, which shows a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material. They must also wear fluorescent orange headgear. Fluorescent orange is not required when hunting waterfowl, doves (on designated dove fields), or when hunting in areas designated "bow only" or "waterfowl only". However, in all other areas, waterfowl hunters must wear the prescribed amount of fluorescent orange when walking to or from the hunting site during the firearms deer season.

(2) Check-in and checkout through Hunter Control is required for ALL hunters. In Georgia, check-in and checkout is required from opening day of deer muzzleloader season until end of feral swine season and during the wild turkey season. In Alabama, check-in and checkout is required from opening day of deer gun season until end of deer gun season and during wild turkey season. Hunter Control phone numbers and check-in/check-out times will be posted by Outdoor Recreation just prior to the start of firearms deer season. Regardless of whether Hunter Control accepts (checks-in) a hunter into a hunting area, the hunter is responsible for checking the daily hunting/fishing information sheets to ensure the area is open for hunting.

(3) Hunters will not hunt over an area that has been baited.

(4) Individuals will not transport a loaded weapon in or on a motorized vehicle. A weapon is considered loaded when an unexpended round is in the chamber and/or magazine.

(5) Individuals will not discharge a weapon from a vehicle.

(6) Vehicles will not be driven through planted wildlife openings /feed strips.

(7) Hunters will not possess or consume alcoholic beverages before or during hunting.

(8) Individuals cannot use any type of trap, snare, pitfall, deadfall, hook, or other devices, only authorized firearms and bows.

(9) Individuals will not remove, destroy, or mutilate the head of a deer until it is processed or surrendered at a storage facility for storage and processing.

(10) It is unlawful to hold any game bird or animal as a pet. It is unlawful to release into the wild or import any wildlife without first coordinating with the Chief, Conservation Branch, DFEL, and obtaining a permit from the appropriate State agency.

(11) Except for Russ Pond, Russ Pool, Sand Hill Duck Pond, Twilight and Victory Ponds, named ponds may be utilized for waterfowl hunting. Hunting hours on these ponds shall end two hours after official sunrise for morning shooting and will not commence earlier than one hour before official sunset for afternoon shooting. End of hunting is defined as the unloading of firearms and commencement of hunting as the loading of firearms. Availability of these areas for waterfowl hunting is subject to range clearance.

(12) Hunters may drive hunt for deer in addition to still/stalk hunting. They must designate one hunter as being responsible for the drive and ensure that all members are briefed on safety and shooting zones.

(13) Individuals sponsoring a guest must accompany that guest at all times while they are hunting on Fort Benning.

(14) Hunters may not guide hunt in exchange for money or other compensation on Fort Benning.

(15) Deer stands may be used on Fort Benning. If stands are left in the woods, hunters will put their name, telephone number, and hunting year on them and will maintain them while in use. Stands no longer used will be dismantled and removed from the woods.

(16) A mandatory deer check will be conducted on certain dates. The dates and check station locations will be announced each year in the USAIC Circular 200-3, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits. On these dates, hunters must bring all deer harvested to the check station.

(17) It is unlawful to conceal a handgun.

b. Minimum age for hunting: Persons younger than 16 years of age are not required to possess a hunting permit as provided in paragraph 5-4.a. (1)(a) and (b). Persons, ages 12 through 15 must be accompanied by a sponsor to hunt on the Reservation. Persons younger than 12 years of age may accompany a sponsor while hunting, but are not authorized to carry a firearm. The sponsor must be authorized to hunt/fish on the installation and possess a valid State license and post permit.

c. Tagging game: When hunting deer or turkey, hunters must fill out the appropriate Fort Benning permit (deer or turkey) after making a kill and before moving the animal, regardless of where the animal was killed or which state license the hunter possesses. These permits must be returned to Outdoor Recreation within 15 days of the close of the season for that species.

4-2. Hunting seasons. Unless otherwise specified in this regulation, appropriate seasons, bag limits, and other pertinent information will be announced by this Headquarters in the USAIC Circular 200-3, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits, which is revised and republished every year.

4-3. Fishing regulations.

a. General:

(1) Sponsors must accompany their guest at all times while they are fishing on Fort Benning.

(2) Children less than 16 years of age are not required to purchase a Fort Benning Fishing Permit; however, children less than 12 years of age must be accompanied by a sponsor.

(3) The Russ Pond/Pool area and the Sand Hill Duck Pond are reserved for children's fishing only. Only children 15 years of age and younger may fish in these areas. Sponsors may assist children in baiting their hook, casting, and removing fish from their line. Sponsors are not required to have a Fort Benning Fishing Permit or fishing license when accompanying children in these areas.

(4) It is unlawful to park within 50 feet of a boat ramp or in such a fashion that will impede others from either launching or retrieving their boat.

b. Methods:

(1) Only hook and line may be used for fishing except as follows:

(a) Trotlines may be used in the waters of the Chattahoochee River, Upatoi Creek and their tributaries. Trotline use in any other area is prohibited. All trotlines must be marked with the owner's name, address and telephone number. Trotlines must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

(b) Setline or jug fishing is prohibited except in the areas where trotlines are authorized.

(c) Fishing with more than two lines is prohibited, except for the areas in which trotlines are allowed. In those areas, state fish and game laws limit the number of trotlines.

(d) Seining in streams or ponds is prohibited.

(e) Fish traps, snatch hooks, or spears, will not be used on or around any of the ponds and streams on Fort Benning.

(f) Individuals may gig for frogs with a gig that has at least three prongs. A State fishing license and a Fort Benning fishing permit are required to gig for frogs.

(g) Bows and arrows may be used to take non-game fish in the same areas where trotlines are allowed.

(2) Possession of minnows is not allowed in or around any named (managed) pond on the installation. They may be used as bait in beaver ponds and creeks located on the installation.

c. Creel Limits: Creel limits, by species, are listed in table 4-1 for all waters on Fort Benning, except the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries which follow state regulations.

d. Seasons: All ponds and streams on Fort Benning are open to fishing throughout the entire year except when closed for management and/or training. To determine whether fishing is permitted in a particular pond, check the hunting/fishing information sheets and signs posted at the ponds.

e. Boats: Boats may be used to fish on Fort Benning, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The boat must be registered with either the State of Georgia or the State of Alabama, as appropriate.

(2) A personal flotation device (vest) is required for each passenger in the boat. This device must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and the appropriate size for the passengers.

(3) Combustion-type motors will not be used to power boats on any pond or stream on Fort Benning, except on the Chattahoochee River or water accessible from the Chattahoochee River. Electric motors may be used in ponds and other streams.

Table 4-1. Creel limits

SPECIES OF FISH	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass	5	None
Bream (all species)	50	None
Catfish (Blue or Channel)	8	None
Other Species: Comply with State sport fishing regulations.		
NOTE: These limits are subject to change. Notice of any changes will be displayed at all ponds where applicable.		

Chapter 5

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

5-1. General. To hunt or fish on Fort Benning, whether on the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation, individuals must have the appropriate licenses, permits, and identification in their possession when engaged in the activity for which the licenses or permits are required.

5-2. Federal license. If the wildlife you are hunting requires a federal license or stamp, you must have that license or stamp (i.e., Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program Permit (H.I.P.) in your possession and your name must be signed across the front of the Duck Stamp.

5-3. State license. To hunt or fish on Fort Benning, individuals must have the respective state license and special license or stamp (i.e., Archery License, (State Waterfowl Stamp) for the state in which they are hunting or fishing. Since Fort Benning is located in two states, individuals must be aware of each state's requirements.

a. Georgia: To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, hunters must have a Georgia State Hunting License. When hunting deer or turkey, a Georgia Big Game License is required. Hunters must meet Georgia's requirements (age, residency, proof of hunter safety course) to obtain these licenses. Persons born on or after 1 January 1961 must show evidence of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the State of Georgia. All others must view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film.

b. Alabama: To hunt on the Alabama side of the installation, an Alabama State Hunting License is required. When hunting deer or turkey, an Alabama All Game License is required. Hunters must meet Alabama requirements (age, residency, proof of hunter safety course) to obtain these licenses. Persons born on or after 1 August 1977 must show evidence of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the State of Alabama. All others must view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film.

c. For the purposes of hunting, the Georgia/Alabama boundary shall be the western side of the Chattahoochee river channel (based on channel marker locations).

d. Fishing in Chattahoochee River. Through the Reciprocal Agreement between Alabama and Georgia, either a Georgia or Alabama Fishing License may be used to fish in the Chattahoochee River. The Chattahoochee River and its impoundments are always considered open for fishing unless otherwise announced.

NOTE: Through the Cooperative Agreement and as a result of negotiations with authorities in Georgia and Alabama, active duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning who have either a Georgia or Alabama hunting license may hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with that license. They are bound by the rules of the state in which they are hunting, such as bag limits, season dates, and so forth. Reminder--family members, sponsored guests of active duty personnel and retirees are not included in this agreement.

5-4. Fort Benning permits.

a. Annual permits. Personnel authorized to hunt and fish in accordance with paragraph 3-2 above, excluding guests, and who possess a valid State license, may purchase annual hunting and fishing permits. Permits are valid for one (1) year from the date of issue. All Fort Benning permits (annual or special) are available at the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina.

(1) Hunting. Persons hunting on Fort Benning, who are 16 years of age or older, must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit. To obtain this permit, a state hunting license is required.

(a) To hunt deer on Fort Benning, hunters must also obtain a Fort Benning Deer Permit (FB (DFEL) Form 200-3-1). This permit can be issued at the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina. This permit is used to survey hunting statistics for the installation and is an important part of the Fort Benning Wildlife Management Plan. For that reason, the completed permit must be returned within 15 days of the close of the gun deer season. Permits may be returned to Outdoor Recreation, P.O. Box 53323, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905. Individuals desiring receipt for turn-in should mail the permit by certified mail, return receipt requested; or personally return the permit to the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707, and obtain a receipt for turn-in. Failure to return the permit or prove receipt shall result in revocation/suspension of privileges for one (1) year. Appeals will not be accepted without proof of a receipt for turn-in of permit.

(b) To hunt turkey on Fort Benning, individuals must also obtain a Fort Benning Turkey Permit (FB (DFEL) Form 200-3-2). This permit can be issued at the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina. This permit is used to survey hunting statistics for the installation and is an important part of the Fort Benning Wildlife Management Plan. For that reason, the completed permit must be returned within 15 days of the close of turkey season. Turkey Permit turn-in procedures are the same as Deer Permit turn-in procedures outlined in paragraph 5-4.a. (1)(a) above.

(2) Fishing. A Fort Benning Fishing Permit is required for any person age 16 or older to fish in any waters (pond or stream) on Fort Benning except that the Chattahoochee River may be fished from a boat or the bank without a permit. Fishing in streams that flow into the Chattahoochee River or backwaters areas of the Chattahoochee

River does not require a permit if fishing from a boat, but bank fishing in these areas requires a permit.

b. Special permits.

(1) Honorary permits. Individuals who are eligible to hunt on Fort Benning and qualify for an honorary state hunting license in either Georgia or Alabama may get an honorary Fort Benning Hunting Permit. This permit is valid for one (1) year from the date of issue.

(2) Guest permits. Guests, as defined by paragraph 3-2.a. (10) must possess a guest permit. These permits must be obtained by the guest's sponsor.

(3) Access Pass. An Access Pass shall be clearly displayed on the dash of the vehicle by all hunters hunting at any time of year.

5-5. Fees. A schedule of installation hunting and fishing permits and recreation fees can be found at table 5-1.

Table 5-1. Hunting/fishing permits and recreation fees

PERMIT TYPE	FEE
Combination hunting and fishing permit	\$ 13.00
Hunting permit	\$ 9.00
Fishing permit	\$ 6.00
Guest (7-Day Hunting) permit	\$ 5.00 per day
Guest (7-Day Fishing) permit	\$ 2.00 per day
Recreation Fees are charged in addition to permit fees as indicated below:	
Sergeant and below	\$ 3.00
Staff Sergeant and above	\$ 4.00
DoD civilians	\$ 4.00
Civilian guest	\$ 6.00

Chapter 6

Violations of Fish and Wildlife Laws, Rules, and Regulations

a. Violations: This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable Federal or State laws regarding hunting and fishing. For that reason, violation of the provisions of this regulation, State laws (either Georgia or Alabama, depending on location), or Federal laws, may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties. As a result of a violation, individuals may be criminally charged; lose hunting and fishing privileges; have their equipment confiscated; or any combination of these actions.

b. Inspection: When hunting or fishing, individuals must have their licenses, permits, proof of identification, and exceptions to policy on their person. This paperwork must be made available, upon request, to any enforcement personnel.

c. Report of violations: Sportsmen are encouraged to report any observed violations of this regulation and/or State and Federal laws to the MPA, 545-5222.

d. Administrative actions:

(1) Individuals observed or reported to be violating any regulation or law relating to hunting and fishing on Fort Benning, will be issued a notice of suspension of installation hunting and/or fishing privileges by the citing officials. Upon receipt of this notice, your hunting and fishing privileges are immediately suspended for the period of time specified in the notice. If you disagree, and believe you did not commit an offense, you may file an appeal with the Installation Hearing Officer, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 545-5234.

(2) Individuals have seven (7) days from the date the notice is issued to request an appeal. Failure to contact the Installation Hearing Officer within seven (7) days will result in waiving the right to appeal and the suspension will stand.

(3) If an individual files an appeal, a hearing may be requested with the Installation Hearing Officer. At this hearing, an individual may present evidence that could help in considering the appeal.

(4) Although an appeal is filed, the suspension will be in effect until the matter is decided. Similarly, going to trial over the matter and intent to plead innocent does not affect the suspension. Privileges remain suspended until the case is decided.

(5) The Installation Hearing Officer will consider each case and recommend a decision within two weeks. This recommendation will be forwarded through the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for review and

then to the Garrison Commander for action. The Installation Hearing Officer will provide notice of this decision to the individual. Notice will also be provided to the Permit Issuing Activity, the Conservation Branch, DFEL, and the Provost Marshal. There is no further right of appeal from this decision.

(6) If the appeal is denied, the suspension will run for the time specified in the original notice. The period of suspension is calculated from the date the notice is issued.

(7) A list of the standard Administrative Penalties for various infractions is at table 6-1.

e. Criminal sanctions: In addition to suffering the loss of hunting and fishing privileges, individuals may be criminally charged for certain offenses that violate State and/or Federal law. If they have been charged with violating one of these laws, they will be issued a DD Form 1805, which may require them to pay a fine and/or appear before the Federal Magistrate in United States District Court.

Table 6-1. Suspension/Revocation of Hunting and Fishing Privileges

VIOLATION	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OFFENSE
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting	Permanent Revocation	
Failure to return deer or turkey permits	*1 year	2 years
Possession of illegally shot game	2 years	5 years
Hunting in an exclusion area	2 years	5 years
Bypassing a roadblock, cable, or gate with a vehicle	1 year	2 years
Hunting out of season	1 year	5 years
Possession of firearms while hunting deer during bow season	1 year	5 years
**Possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting	Permanent Revocation	
Taking of game from a baited area	Permanent Revocation	
Use of traps, snares, pitfalls, or similar devices to take game	Permanent Revocation	
**Discharging a firearm from a vehicle	Permanent Revocation	
Permitting another to use state/installation hunting/fishing license/permit	2 years	Permanent Revocation
Removal of deer head prior to registration	1 year	3 years
Using an unregistered vehicle	1 year	2 years
**Hunting without the prescribed amount of fluorescent orange	1 year	5 years
Hunting/fishing without a valid state license or permit	1 year	5 years
Hunting/running deer with dogs	1 year	5 years
Failure to accompany guest	1 year	5 years
**Discharging a firearm within 200 feet of a maintained road, bldg or troop area	1 year	5 years
**Discharging a firearm in the direction of a maintained road, building, or troop area when within 200 yards thereof	1 year	5 years
Failure to check deer during mandatory deer check	30 days	1 year
Failure to fill out deer or turkey permit	1 year	3 years
Failure to display and/or present Area Access Pass	60 days	6 months
Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition	1 year	3 years
Hunting ducks without a duck stamp	1 year	5 years
**Hunting in a closed area	1 year	3 years
**Hunting before or after legal hours	1 year	2 years
Erecting or affixing a deer stand to a marked RCW cavity tree	2 years	5 years
Hunting without state approved or USAIC Hunter Safety Course	1 year	2 years
Illegal drive hunting	1 year	5 years
**Transporting a loaded weapon in a motorized vehicle	5 years	Permanent Revocation
Exceeding creel/bag limits	2 years	5 years
Taking of fish by unauthorized means	1 year	3 years
Improper/inadequate safety equipment on boats	90 days	1 year
Littering and/or dumping	1 year	2 years
Failure to check-in/check-out with hunter control	30 days	60 days
Illegal use of combustion engine powered boat	60 days	1 year
Guide hunting	Permanent Revocation	
Illegal use of off-road vehicle	1 year	5 years
Concealment of a handgun	1 year	5 years

NOTE:

Violation of any provision of this regulation for which there is no specific penalty set out above or violation of any State or Federal law relating to hunting or fishing, may result in a suspension of privileges for up to 1 year. This determination will initially be made by the citing officer and will be appealable through the administrative channels set out in this regulation.

If the incident results in an individual being charged with multiple violations, penalties under this regulation are assessed consecutively.

*Failure to return a deer or turkey permit will result in a suspension of hunting privileges for the subsequent deer or turkey season, respectively.

**If an individual is involved in a safety violation, then evidence of successful completion of a state approved Hunter Safety Course must be provided before privileges can be restored, regardless of whether the period of suspension has passed or not.

Appendix A

Boundaries And Restricted Areas/Areas Open For Hunting And Fishing

A-1. For purposes of control, Fort Benning has been divided into a number of designated areas. These areas are shown on the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Overlay Map, 1:50,000 scale, which can be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707, or can be viewed at various locations described in paragraph A-5. These maps will be posted in accordance with paragraphs 2-1 through 2-6 of this regulation and are the only official maps that indicate areas open for hunting and fishing. It is the individual's responsibility to become familiar with these maps and the daily hunting/fishing information sheets and to check them prior to hunting or fishing. Also, maps are updated periodically. Sportsmen must check with the Outdoor Recreation Office to obtain the current map.

A-2. Areas will be designated as either open or closed. Individuals are required to comply with this designation.

A-3. The perimeter of Fort Benning is marked by signs, which read: "Military Reservation -- Keep Out." Sportsmen must confine hunting and fishing to Fort Benning, unless they have obtained permission from private property owners for hunting and fishing rights.

A-4. Certain areas of Fort Benning have been designated as exclusion areas. Hunting or fishing in these areas is prohibited. The areas are shown on the hunting maps and involve the following areas (or parts thereof):

- The Malone MOUT Complex and McKenna MOUT Complex.
- The Ammunition Supply Point (ASP).
- The Hastings, Ruth, Ware, Griswold, Galloway, and Carmouche Ranges.

NOTE: This list is not all-inclusive; therefore, the hunting map must be consulted for all exclusion areas and their location. While hunting or fishing in an exclusion area is prohibited, driving through it (on an established road or trail) to an otherwise open area is allowed provided that no gate, cable, or other such barrier is bypassed.

A-5. Access Maps:

- Hunting/fishing information sheets designating open areas are prepared by Range Division, DOT. These maps are posted before 1000 daily by activities at each location and will show the areas that are open for hunting and fishing for up to 3 days in the future.
- They may be found at the following locations:
 - Provost Marshal's Office (Building 215).
 - Conservation Branch, Building 5884, Harmony Church.
 - Malone Range 21, Buena Vista Road.
 - Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina.
 - Outdoor Recreation Office, Building 1707.
 - Recreation Center, Kelly Hill, Building 9079.

NOTE: Regardless of whether a posted map shows an area as being open for hunting or fishing, if in that area there is a locked gate or barrier in place, do not open or bypass that barrier except as provided in paragraph 3-1.a. Report these instances to the Range Division, DOT, 545-3474 during duty hours and to MPA, 545-5222 during non-duty hours.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

AR	Army Regulation
ASP	Ammunition Supply Point
bde	brigade
bldg	building
br	branch
CB	Conservation Branch
CRD	Community Recreation Division
DCA	Directorate of Community Activities
DoD	Department of Defense
DOT	Directorate of Operations and Training

DFEL	Directorate of Facilities Eng & Logistics
EMD	Environmental Management Division
FB	Fort Benning
ID	Identification
mgt	management
MPA	Military Police Activity
ORV	Off-road vehicle
RCW	Red-Cockaded woodpecker
SJA	Staff Judge Advocate
USAIC	United States Army Infantry Center

Section II Terms

Accompany

Being in the immediate vicinity of another sportsman. To meet this requirement, the sportsman must be close enough to exercise control over that individual.

Cooperative Agreement

The agreement entered into by Fort Benning, the State of Georgia, the State of Alabama, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Guide Hunting

Receiving compensation for assisting an individual in the pursuit of game.

Hunting or Hunt

The act of pursuing, shooting, killing, and/or capturing wildlife or using any device in an attempt to take wildlife. Hunting shall include every action of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wildlife. Any individual possessing a bow, gun, or gun and dogs, in any area where hunting is normally conducted is presumed to be hunting.

Illegal Possession

Possession of any wildlife or parts thereof, at any time other than during the authorized hunting season for that wildlife.

Maintained Road

Any paved, graveled, or dirt road that receives regular or periodic maintenance.

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